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VULCANIZING APPARATUS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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